

**Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) with funding from
Kankakee Community Foundation works to improve quality within
Family Child Care Homes**

CCR&R is currently providing technical assistance to Family Child Care Providers in Kankakee county. This technical assistance involves CCR&R staff visiting Kankakee providers who are ready to work towards achieving a Quality Rating System (QRS) star level or NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care) accreditation. CCR&R uses the Family Child Care Rating Scale (FCCRS) as the guideline and standard along with the NAFCC benchmark tool as they work through the process. Family Child Care Providers are guided through this process by having in person and phone consultation with CCR&R staff. Family Child Care Providers within Kankakee county are welcome to contact CCR&R about this project at 815-741-1163 Ext. 226. Providers must be currently providing care for at least one child using the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Providers must also demonstrate that they are ready to pursue the Quality Rating System (QRS) or NAFCC accreditation. This is done by filling out or answering questions using a “readiness” tool/questionnaire.